



## M E M O R A N D U M

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**Re:** University Of Minnesota Inaugural Quiz Bowl Event, March 26, 2012

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The University of Minnesota orchestrated what we hope to become an annual event: the **Upper Midwest Construction Management Quiz Bowl**. Held at Dunwoody College of Technology, the invitees included, along with the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of Wisconsin Stout, Minnesota State Mankato, Minnesota State Morehead, Iowa State University, North Dakota State and Dunwoody College.

### **History of Event**

The concept evolved as a way for our Capstone students to ease back after Spring Break. Using a bunch of questions – easy, medium and hard – compiled from our faculty and sorted, we invited industry experts to come back to campus and judge the rounds. A few ended up “sponsoring” the event with prizes. Based upon the success of that event in 2011, and the overwhelmingly positive reaction from students, we suggested a broader participation with other regional schools and the Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) agreed to sponsor the event. And so the inaugural 2012 event was born.

### **Structure**

Modeled after the old time college bowl/jeopardy game formats (most students haven’t any idea what a “college bowl” was), we modified and expanded the question database and opened it up to faculty review from all participating schools. Rules were established, with basically a toss-up question and a bonus question structure as the means to gain (or lose) points.

Participation was based on a world cup format with pool play of three games in a pool group of four teams, using the easy questions. The best scoring teams advance to a semi-final round (typically four teams) for a single elimination event using the “medium” questions, and the winners of each go on to the championship round with the hardest questions. Each game was moderated by industry judges (not by faculty – they not permitted to judge), so each team was exposed to at least three, four or five sets of judges. Sponsor representatives judged the final round. Each of the rounds featured the same set of randomly selected questions for each game, so all teams had the same questions. They were sorted and randomized using a random number generator.

### **The Trophy**

Legends start somewhere. We started by having a sponsoring company hand build a trophy – called the JE Dunn Trophy - with 24 winners' plaques on the base, designed to be a travelling trophy each and every year this event is held. It features a hammer atop a sturdy oak base. A new base can be appended in year 25.

### **The Event**

The inaugural event took place March 26<sup>th</sup> and featured eight teams and thirty contestants representing Stout, Mankato, Morehead and U of MN Twin Cities. Dunwoody, NDSU and Iowa State backed out at the last minute. Wisconsin Stout bested the field as the winner, beating a Morehead team in the final round, and two U of MN teams in the semi's. The event is expected to be hosted again next year, possibly around a regional job fair event, and sponsorship is assured by the Minnesota Construction Association.

### **The Video of the Event**

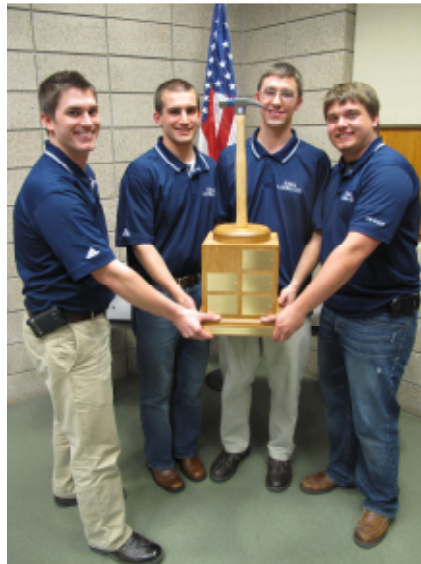
Done as a way to document the history of the trophy and the event, this video also seeks to garner future student participation with scenes of the frustration, concentration and jubilation.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSrFXckahEA>

### **Further Information**

Anybody wishing further information on this event, wishing to participate in next year's event, or advice on setting up their own is welcome to contact me:

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2012 Quiz Bowl Champions –  
University of Wisconsin Stout

## INTERCOLLEGIATE QUIZ BOWL 2012: OFFICIAL ROSTER - 8 TEAM

|         | Team 1 "Mavericks" | Team 2 "Gophers"  | Team 3 "Fat Max"    | Team 4 "Dynasty"    |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NAME:   | <b>Mankato - A</b> | <b>U of M - C</b> | <b>Moorhead - A</b> | <b>Moorhead - B</b> |
| MEMBERS | Andy Johnson       | Nicole Olsen      | Ryan Mix            | Dan Watkins         |
|         | Nick Hoon          | Jake Wirtz        | John Culp           | Darren Dell         |
|         | Katie Freir        | Brett Hobbins     | Andrew Bloom        | Taylor Aakre        |
|         |                    | Troy Dyrstad      | Matt Ulrich         | Myles Anderson      |

|         | Team 5 "Lumberjacks" | Team 6 "SLC"  | Team 7 "Jackhammers" | Team 8 "A Team"   |
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| NAME:   | <b>U of M - D</b>    | <b>Stout</b>  | <b>U of M - B</b>    | <b>U of M - A</b> |
| MEMBERS | Kaleb Young          | Kris Ikeler   | Adam Christiansen    | Eric Stern        |
|         | Matth Ecklund        | Ken Lusian    | Kale Fisher          | Jack McGrath      |
|         | Eric Sathre          | Paul Milligan | Joon Park            | Andrew Gibson     |
|         |                      | Matt Frey     | Jamyang Palden       | Samantha Boos     |

|        |                | Round 1         | Round 2       | Round 3                         | Semi Finals                      | Final   |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Pool 1 | Room: 27       | 1 --- Score: 8  | 1 -8-- Score: | 1 7 Score                       | Pool 1 - 1st -- 29 --- Score: 12 | Team (Highest Score SF-1)<br>5 Dynasty - Moorhead<br><br>Championship<br>Room: Holden<br>SLC<br><br>15 SLC - Stout<br>Team (Highest Score SF-2) |
|        |                | 2 --- Score: 9  | 3 10 Score:   | 4 12 Score                      | Dynasty                          |   |
|        | 3 --- Score: 7 | 2 10 Score:     | 2 9 Score     | Lumberjacks                     |                                  |   |
|        | 4 --- Score: 8 | 4 9 Score:      | 3 8 Score     | Pool 2 - 2nd -- 26 --- Score: 7 |                                  |   |
| Pool 2 | Room: 34       | 5 --- Score: 6  | 5 9 Score:    | 5 11 Score                      | Pool 2 - 1st -- 30 --- Score: 9  |   |
|        |                | 6 --- Score: 12 | 7 7 Score:    | 8 10 Score                      | SLC                              |   |
|        | Room: 77       | 7 --- Score: 7  | 6 11 Score:   | 6 7 Score                       | Gophers                          |   |
|        |                | 8 --- Score: 8  | 8 5 Score:    | 7 5 Score                       | Pool 1 - 2nd -- 28 --- Score: 6  |   |